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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Luke Matarelli of Peoria on November 4, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Matarelli was born June 1, 1926, in Toluca, to Luca and Teresa Antonacci Matarelli; he married Norma Lea Fisher on January 10, 1948, in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 on an aircraft carrier during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, He attended Bradley University, where he majored in architectural engineering and drawing; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Matarelli was a businessman in Peoria for over 50 years; he was a building contractor and real estate developer, owning and operating L. Matarelli & Son Construction, along with Matarelli Equipment, Matarelli Fine Furniture, Peoria Trading Post, and L.M. Enterprises, and was a managing partner in Mid-Land Trust, along with other businesses; he was well-respected in the business community; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church, but also attended Sacred Heart and St. Sharbel's Catholic churches, all of Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, He was a past member of Sunset Hills Country Club; he loved golfing and was an avid collector; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Joe and Don Matarelli; and his sisters, Clara Hunter and Jenny Kaufman; and

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1 WHEREAS, The passing of Luke Matarelli is felt by all who
2 knew and loved him, especially his wife, Norma; his son, Luke
3 Randall Matarelli; his daughters, Tonya Kay (Dallas) Sumpter,
4 Pamela Rae Matarelli, Lu Ann Lea Freeman, Lynn (Keith Bufano)
5 Matarelli, and Renee Sue Matarelli; his nine grandchildren; his
6 great-granddaughter; his brother, Frank Matarelli; and his
7 sister, Irma Barden; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Luke Matarelli and extend our most sincere condolences to his
11 family, friends, and community; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
14 sympathy.